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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2007 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2007 should be the representative of a member of the Eastern European States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 17 January 2007 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

In its decision 2006/263, the Council decided to defer consideration of the draft annex on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies with respect to the World Tourism Organization to its organizational session for 2007.

Documentation

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization (E/2006/70)

Application of an intergovernmental organization for observer status with the Council

In its decision 2006/264, the Council decided to defer consideration of the application of the International Emergency Management Organization to its organizational session for 2007.

Documentation

Application of an intergovernmental organization, the International Emergency Management Organization, for observer status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/87)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy

In its decisions 2006/265 and 266, the Council decided to defer consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session to its substantive session of 2007.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (E/2006/33)

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

In its decision 2006/268, the Council decided to defer further consideration of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session to its organizational session for 2007.

In accordance with its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, the Council will have before it the following two documents: a note by the Secretariat containing a list of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Council that were accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society and are seeking to participate in the next two meetings of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and a note by the Secretariat containing a list of business-sector entities, including the private sector, in particular those that received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society, seeking to participate in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session (E/2006/31)

Note by the Secretariat containing a list of non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation to participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Note by the Secretariat containing a list of business-sector entities, including the private sector, seeking to participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

High-level segment

Themes for the 2007 thematic discussion and the 2007 annual ministerial review

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council would hold a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields, and annual ministerial-level substantive reviews as part of its high-level segment.

In its decision 2006/274, the Council decided to defer consideration of the focus of the 2007 thematic discussion and the theme for the 2007 annual ministerial review to the first meeting of its organizational session for 2007.

Coordination segment of the Council

In its decision 2006/274, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2007 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all".

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2007 and 2008 (E/2007/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2007.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2007 and 2008 (E/2007/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2007 (E/2007/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2007

	Term expires on 31 December
Albania	2007
Algeria	2009
Angola	2008
Austria	2008
Barbados	2009
Belarus	2009
Benin	2008
Bolivia	2009
Brazil	2007
Canada	2009
Cape Verde	2009
Chad	2007
China	2007
Costa Rica	2007
Cuba	2008
Czech Republic	2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2007
Denmark	2007
El Salvador	2009
France	2008
Germany	2008
Greece	2008
Guinea	2007
Guinea-Bissau	2008
Guyana	2008
Haiti	2008
Iceland	2007
India	2007
Indonesia	2009
Iraq	2009
Japan	2008
Kazakhstan	2009
Lithuania	2007
Luxembourg	2009
Madagascar	2008
Malawi	2009

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Mauritania	2008
Mexico	2007
Netherlands	2009
New Zealand	2007
Pakistan	2007
Paraguay	2008
Philippines	2009
Portugal	2007
Romania	2009
Russian Federation	2007
Saudi Arabia	2008
Somalia	2009
South Africa	2007
Sri Lanka	2008
Sudan	2009
Thailand	2007
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2007
United States of America	2009